

## Incendiary Blaze Across The River Christmas Is Nearly Here

Different Ways of Shopping

## SPANIARD'S STORE BURNS IN JUAREZ

Mexican Fireman Make Merry, Then Call For Help From El Paso Department; Loss \$50,000.

An estimated loss of approximately \$50,000 resulted when the wholesale grocery and merchandise store of Manuel Canales, a Spaniard, fronting on Provencier street, Juarez, was destroyed by a fire which originated in the building at 9:55 o'clock Tuesday night. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The store was located in a block of store buildings owned by Inocente Ochoa.

The loss sustained by other merchants who owned stores in the same block, has not been estimated. Doors and windows of the place were broken open, and the goods and wares in the stores thoroughly drenched with water. The idea for this is not known.

Mexican firemen, while the flames were at their height, became playful and seizing the fire hose drenched the man in charge of the fire fighters. The firemen then turned the hose on the crowd.

When it was almost 10 o'clock the Juarez firemen phoned the central station in El Paso for assistance. Fire chief W. W. Armstrong, who had answered the call, told the Juarez firemen that it would be impossible for the local fire department to cross the international bridge without mayor C. E. Kelly's consent. The mayor could not be located, but alderman James L. Hewitt, chairman of the fire committee, was talked to. The alderman told chief Armstrong that if the fire department had been in the custom of going to Juarez fires, to go over. The central hose truck made the trip.

When the central department arrived, the Juarez fire fighters had one stream of water playing on the fire. Shortly after the arrival of the El Paso company, the roof of the building fell in and the fire was then confined between the two walls of the store. There was no further danger and the central firemen returned to this side.

At 5:45 o'clock Wednesday morning the Juarez department phoned the central department that the fire was still burning. The fire was finally extinguished one hour later.

Just about the time the Juarez department was calling for the central department to make a second trip, someone turned in a false alarm for a fire in the T. P. yards.

## SOLDIERS DISCOVER HIDDEN AMMUNITION

Seize 20,000 Rounds of Mauser Ammunition Under Texas in Wagon; Driver Is Released.

Buried under a wagonload of trash and old papers, United States soldiers found 20,000 rounds of Mauser seven millimeter ammunition in a wagon standing at the corner of Overland and El Paso streets Tuesday night. The ammunition was packed in 20 boxes containing 100 rounds each. The driver, Castillo, the driver, was arrested, but said he did not know the man who sold him to haul the boxes to the river. The arrest and seizure were made by Sgt. Henderson, of troop D, 12th cavalry.

## NEW CAMPAIGN BY REBELS IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Mex., Dec. 17.—Arms and ammunition for a rebel campaign in the south are being hauled by 30 wagons, now moving through Guatemala, according to government information. The campaign is to be inaugurated in Chiapas and other southern states.

Fighting without decisive results continues against the rebels, who are in federal district, a short distance from the capital. Zapata is credited with the statement that he intends to harass the federal district until the rebels arrive from the north for the final siege of the capital.

Four carloads of dynamite were seized in the railroad yards at Tampico before the rebels left that city. In addition to the dynamite, there was enough cash to make up several trains. Railroad reports show that a number of the cars contained merchandise.

## JUAREZ TROOPS GO TO ATTACK BANDITS

Fifty men left Juarez Tuesday, under command of Capt. Toppen, over the North Western railroad. The train, Samaniego left with 100 soldiers over the same road. The men and horses are en route for the border. The train will go in search of Castillo's bandits, who are supposed to be operating in that part of the border. The train will go in search of Castillo's bandits, who are supposed to be operating in that part of the border. The train will go in search of Castillo's bandits, who are supposed to be operating in that part of the border.

## DENY TORREON'S FALL; DECLARE MERCADO SHOT

Rebel Rumor Bureau in Juarez Is Working For Denial of Reports That Here Left Officer.

According to Gen. E. A. Benavides, commander at Juarez, the rumor that the federalists have captured Torreon is unfounded. He says that according to the latest information he has received, the federalists are in the vicinity of Torreon, but as yet have not been able to capture it. He also declares that there is any movement of troops from Ojinaga in the direction of Juarez, as was rumored Tuesday.

The rebels are circulating a rumor that Gen. Mercado was executed in Ojinaga by order of Gen. Orozco.

He had received instructions to that effect from Huerta, because of the evacuation of Chihuahua.

## COURTS ARE SOON TO BE REOPENED IN JUAREZ

The civil and criminal courts are soon to be reopened in Juarez. The judges are daily expected to arrive from Chihuahua, says municipal president Jose Velasco. Dr. Carrera, city medical officer, and chief of the civil hospital, is inaugurating a registration system for the control of the red light district.

The municipal president, in conjunction with secretary P. E. Rubio, is trying to assist the townspeople to tide over the hard times resultant on recent disorders by fixing the price of meat at 30 cents and Mexican pork kilo. A lowering of the prices of other commodities will follow.

Maj. Bauche, alcalde of Juarez Wednesday to restore civil government in all towns on the line to Chihuahua.

## RETREAT AT TAMPIO PART OF CAMPAIGN PLAN, SAY REBELS

Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 17.—Rebels withdrawing from the attack on Tampico did so to draw the federalists outside their lines, but this plan failed, according to courtiers who have arrived at Matamoros. It is declared that no damage resulted to the rebels from the fire of the federal gunboats Bravo, Veracruz and Zaragoza. The "constitutionalists" about Tampico, the courier said, number 5500.

## AMERICAN FAMILY IS GIVEN AID BY CONSUL EDWARDS

Charles W. Hamsworth, his wife and two sons, who recently arrived from Chihuahua, were assisted by American consul Edwards of Juarez in securing transportation to El Paso. The Hamsworth family was in a practically destitute condition, and his wife's health was much impaired by the rough overland journey.

## UNSHAVEN AND DUSTY REFUGEES ARRIVE

Well To Do Chilhuahuas, With Clothing Ragged and Shoes Worn From Long Hike, Reach City.

Razors safety or otherwise, were left behind when the federal army and the civilian refugees evacuated Chihuahua for the long hike across the Camargo desert to Ojinaga. This fact was demonstrated Tuesday night when six refugees arrived in El Paso on the S. P. train de luxe from Marfa with three weeks' growth of beard decorating their faces. The refugees had crossed to Presidio and gone to Marfa Sunday in order to join their friends and families in El Paso.

All were well to do residents of Chihuahua but they were covered with desert dust. Their shoes were worn and their clothing was ragged. One wore a pair of black puttees and he thought to have been an army officer. Another was a young boy with a starched, high collar and a stylish tie both of which were of neutral color because of the dust. They were met at the station by friends and taken to rooming houses for the night. They refused to say anything about their experience on the long march, excepting together like a covey of frightened quail in one corner of the union station.

## FORMER ACTING GOVERNOR OF CHIHUAHUA ARRIVES HERE

Guillermo Porras, acting civil governor of Chihuahua under the federal regime, arrived Tuesday morning, after making the trip across the desert to Ojinaga with the federal troops. Porras was active in command and assisted the federal commander in his conduct of affairs on the border. His family is living in El Paso. Miguel Diez, Mexican consular inspector, who has been in conference with the federalists, arrived Tuesday morning. Felipe Casares, Roque Gomez and Silvestre Quevedo, former Orozco revolutionists, have joined the federalists in Ojinaga, according to refugees from Ojinaga.

## VILLA BUYS SECOND CAR; LICENSE IS ISSUED HERE

Revolutions seem profitable. Pancho Villa has two automobiles registered in the county clerk's office. No. 1895 was the number taken out for Villa for a seven passenger Packard car Tuesday afternoon.

On November 17 the county clerk issued No. 1847 to Villa for a five passenger Hudson car. Villa's family at present is living at 610 South Oregon street.

## MENDOZA IS NOW CHIEF OF POLICE IN JUAREZ

The chief of police in Juarez, who is appointed in the place of Primo Sanchez, who was dismissed for being implicated in a smuggling enterprise and removed, is Jesus Mendoza. Mendoza has been for some time in the precinct of Gonzalez Ortega of the Constitutionalist army, and has campaigned in Sonora and Chihuahua.

## ENSENADA FEDERAL GARRISON REINFORCED FROM MATANZAN

San Diego, Calif., Dec. 16.—The federal garrison at Ensenada, Lower California, was reinforced Monday by the arrival of 400 federals from Matanzan, arriving on the Benito Juarez, according to advices received by the border agents. The reason is not disclosed. Ensenada is not in particular need of reinforcements, while Matanzan is under siege by "Constitutionalists."

## BURGLAR ESCAPES IN SPITE OF BULLETS

After being struck over the head with a sixshooter and fired at nine times, a burglar escaped out of the El Paso Home hotel, Second and South El Paso streets, at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning, made good his escape by the back door, but was hit by the blow of the pistol.

Patrolman W. L. Johnson saw the burglar enter the hotel, went to intercept him, and the fight ensued. The patrolman struck the man over the head with his pistol, flooring him. The burglar then escaped out of the back door, but was hit by the blow of the pistol.

Some time Tuesday night the grocery store at 510 South Stanton street was broken into. A quantity of groceries and other goods were stolen.

S. Willett, living at 406 Texas street, missed his overcoat from his room Tuesday night, and reported the loss to the police.

## AMUSEMENTS.

## "PROTEA" TODAY.

"Protea," said to be the most wonderful picture made to date, will be shown at the Chihuahua today, tomorrow and Friday. This picture was made by the same company that produced "The Last Days of Pompeii," which is a positive guarantee of the best made. Utilizing the accomplishments of two notable picture artists, Mike Justice, Antonio and M. R. Batlle, the picture is a Film corporation produced "Protea," which has aroused considerable interest wherever it has been shown.

Those who saw "Zigzag" will remember Josette Andriot as the accomplice to Zigmor, and will no doubt remember the charming adventures, and with the assistance of Batlle as her accomplice starts out on a hard task to rescue her husband from the clutches of the law. From this point the pair will keep the audience guessing with a succession of thrills and surprises. All will wonder what's going to happen next.

"Protea" is in five full reels. It is different from anything ever shown before. It is a picture of thrilling action, and magnificent in every particular and of the same quality of clear photography as "The Last Days of Pompeii." The first show starts today at 11:50, next 1:15, next 2:40, next 4:05, next 5:30, next 6:55, next 8:20 and the last show starts promptly at 9:45. One hour and twenty-five minutes is the exact length for each show, and all shows start promptly on schedule time.

Admission is 25c, children 10c.—Advertisement.

## MARY FULLER AT BUJOY TODAY.

"Bliss," the "Forester's Daughter," with Mary Fuller playing the leading role, will be one of the releases shown at the Bujo today. The picture is a story of a young girl who is forced to flee from her home and is taken up by a young man who is a member of a secret society. The picture is a story of a young girl who is forced to flee from her home and is taken up by a young man who is a member of a secret society.

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## QUAY RETURNS NO AGRICULTURAL LANDS

Tax Roll—Show the County Has Abundant Property in Other Lines, Including Livestock.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 16.—Quay county, although it has no agricultural experiment station, although lands on the Pajarito have been under irrigation and cultivation for many decades, although it holds an annual county fair and prides itself on its crops, has no agricultural lands in its assessment returns, corrected and approved, received by the traveling auditor.

Two tons of hay valued at \$20, 150 bushels of wheat valued at \$150, 30 bushels of corn valued at \$15 and \$15 worth of household goods, to be all that there was in sight in the way of farm supplies when the assessor came around among the 10,000 or more population that Quay county claims.

However, Quay county is not poverty stricken. It is assessed \$8,004,094 worth of property, including \$8050 worth of cash, or almost a whole silver dollar for each inhabitant, and that is a much better showing than made by such old counties as Sandoval, for Quay is a new county.

Quay county has annexed a certain degree of culture, for it reports \$935 worth of books in the county, the proverbial 30 cents worth for each inhabitant. Naturally, jewelry is not so abundant in a new county, but the assessor found \$1095 worth that is 14 times as much as was found in the county of Sandoval. The people of Quay county are also musical. They are assessed \$24,550 worth of pianos, graphophones, self-players, fiddles, cornets, trombones and other instruments. That is almost \$250 worth per inhabitant. The people of Quay county manage to get along with \$91,762 worth of furniture.

The Quay countians turn in \$450 worth of blacksmiths' tools, or as much as the total of bonds and warrants held in the county. The saloons and other fixtures, however, amount to \$39,457, watches and clocks to \$3847, merchandise on hand to \$330,499, capital in manufacturing to \$13,875, farming implements to \$21,459, saddles to \$14,954, 554 sewing machines to \$7785, vehicles to \$45,869, 227 burros \$1625, 580 swine \$5165, 365 goats \$1150, 19,151 sheep \$84,075, 14,226 cattle \$495,805, 734 mules \$66,625, 5239 horses \$257,270, 80,447 pounds of railroad \$23,655, telegraph and telephone \$28,534, electric light plant \$21,780, town lots \$800,488, and the improvements thereon \$719,803, 526,358 acres of pastoral lands \$2,060,780, improvements thereon \$421,804.

## COWDRAY WILL NOT SELL OIL INTERESTS

London, Eng., Dec. 17.—Lord Cowdray, in denying a statement published in New York to the effect that he was about to dispose of his Mexican oil interests to an American concern, said:

"Neither my firm nor I have sold nor are about to sell our Mexican oil interests to the Standard Oil company or any one else."

## THE COURTS.

## 34th DISTRICT COURT.

Epifanio Ortiz et al. vs. Juan Padilla, trespass to try title; filed.

Jose Duran, assault with intent to murder; with jury.

G. M. Dodge vs. Catherine Ross et al, trespass to try title; filed.

## 41st DISTRICT COURT.

Eda and J. H. Jones vs. J. H. Smith, suit on notes and foreclosure of lien; filed.

Ed Dupree vs. Texas and Pacific Railway company, for \$24,550 damages to cattle shipment; filed.

Ed Dupree et al. vs. Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway company, suit for \$5,488.76 damages to cattle shipment; filed.

Thomas D. Pryor vs. Anna P. Krause et al, trespass to try title; on trial.

## SPECIAL DISTRICT COURT.

M. Nacig, Presiding.

M. D. Murray vs. R. B. Hutchinson, suit on debt; on trial.

## SOLDIER SEIZED WOMAN'S MONEY AND FLED; POLICE SAY

A purchase of five cents worth of lemons in the Trust store on Broadway caused the arrest of sergeant Elkins, troop A, Second cavalry, Tuesday night. According to the police report, the soldier went into 12 store, bought the lemons, paid five cents for the fruit and later claimed that he had paid 25 cents. When the woman who made the sale opened her purse to show the soldier that he had only the five cents, he fled. The police charge that Elkins grabbed a handful of money and fled. He was arrested by patrolmen Barrett and McKnight. The sum of \$22 was placed to the soldier's credit when he was taken to one of the cells in the city jail.

## CHURCH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING

The first quarterly conference of the East El Paso Methodist church will be held Thursday at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. B. Cochran, presiding elder of the El Paso district, New Mexico conference, M. E. church south, will preach. He will preside at the quarterly conference following his sermon.

Reports from the various departments of church work will be made and the new presiding elder will give official directions and inspiration to the church carrying on the work of the new year.

## ATTENDANCE BANNERS

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 17.—Rupert F. Asplund, chief clerk of the State Department of Education, has awarded the banners for persons attending the teachers at the meeting of the New Mexico Educational Association at Albuquerque. These banner committees are: Bernalillo, Colfax, Guadalupe, McKinley, Rio Arriba, Sandoval, San Miguel, Santa Fe, Socorro, Taos, Valencia. The total membership registered at the convention was 1248.

## COMES TO REPORT ON WATERLOGGED LANDS

D. W. Murphy, of Los Angeles, who is in charge of the reclamation of water drainage work has arrived in El Paso to investigate the drainage conditions about the El Paso project along the Elephant Butte project. This land lies between the El Paso and the Mesilla valleys and is for the most part badly waterlogged from seepage from the river.

## TARGET PRACTICE STARTS WAR SCARE NEAR SHELTER

Lieut. Eugene F. Armstrong, of the 12th cavalry, who is in charge of target practice of a group of the 13th cavalry recruits at Anapua Wednesday morning and threw a small sized scare into residents of the smelter district. When the shooting was heard, it was thought to come from the Mexican side of the border.

## CHIEF CHANGES CARS.

Fire chief W. W. Armstrong rides to fires in the Studebaker car used by Capt. Herbert Nunn when he was city engineer. The drive shaft on the chief's car was broken.

## WATER USERS MEET.

The directors of the Water Users' association met in the water office, Herald building, Wednesday afternoon for a brief business session.



## PICTURES WILL BE FEATURE OF DINNER

Smelter Processes To Be Shown in Lantern Slides; Mess Boulevard Also To Be Featured.

Pictures will be a feature of the dinner of the chamber of commerce and the smelter company, held at the hotel on Monday night, Dec. 22. In addition to the "talks and eats," illustrated talks will be given by two engineers, J. H. Smith and J. H. Smith, general superintendent of the El Paso plant of the American Smelting and Refining company, illustrating the smelting process.

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The cultivation, he says, though, is simple. After planting, he irrigates about every 10 days, and after each irrigation he slightly cultivates the soil and keeps it loose. His land is alluvial, being made up of washings from Alamo canyon, about three miles southeast of this city. The specimen of the plant submitted by Mr. Boatright to the national department of agriculture was pronounced practically a perfect specimen, but Mr. Boatright expects for the next season to improve upon it, in size at least.

## ALAMOGORDO HAS HEAVY SNOW FALL

Alamogordo, N. M., Dec. 17.—One of the heaviest rains of the year in this section of the country has fallen here during the past two days. In the early morning, the rain, which fell all during the night, became snow, and people awakened to find the earth covered with a layer of snow. However, the temperature rose to such an extent that the snow stopped and it began to rain again.

Farmers and stockmen state that there is one of the best seasons in the ground known here in years. While the rain has fallen in the valley, the temperature has been in the mountains adjacent has been in the form of snow and they present a most beautiful sight from here.

## GEN. ANSON MILLS IS ON ANNUAL VISIT

Gen. Anson Mills, pioneer El Pasoan, owner of the Mills building, and the "grand old man" of El Paso, arrived Tuesday night from Washington for his annual visit with El Paso friends. Gen. Mills was accompanied by Mrs. Mills and will remain here until Christmas. He is at the hotel Paso del Norte.

## SIX ARE ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF BLOCKING TRAFFIC

C. Welch was the first man arrested for blocking the sidewalk after Mayor C. E. Kelly instructed the police to enforce the ordinance. Welch was standing on the corner of Mesa and Texas when he was arrested by patrolman S. H. Vester. It is said that the patrolman first warned the man to move on but he refused to do so. Welch was fined \$1 for the offense.

## THURSDAY NIGHT PATROLMAN W. P. HAWKINS ROUNDED UP FIVE MEN ON SOUTH EL PASO STREET.

The street patrolman said that the men stationed themselves in the center of the sidewalk and despite the instructions to move on, remained there. Hawkins got Claude Smith, special agent of the G. H., to assist him in holding the men together until the patrol arrived. Juan N. Maguolan, Gabriel, Refugio, B. and Y. Soto, were the ones arrested on a charge of violating the traffic ordinance. They were released on \$1 bonds each.

## ALAMOGORDO FEVER EPIDEMIC SUBSIDES

No New Cases of Scarlet Fever Reported and Sick Are Convalescing; Herald Item Causes Many Inquiries.

Alamogordo, N. M., Dec. 17.—The health officers of the city report that the epidemic of scarlet fever which has prevailed here during the past few weeks, has about abated. No new cases have developed for the past week, and those who have been quarantined have been released.

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## WHEAT 92.2 SAYS GOVERNMENT REPORT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The area sown to winter wheat this fall is 35,596,000 acres, the department of agriculture announced today. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 37.2 percent of a normal, compared with 35.2 percent last year, 86.6 percent in 1911 and 82.2 percent the 10 year average.

The area sown to rye this fall is 2,700,000 acres, the department of agriculture announced today. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 37.2 percent of a normal, compared with 35.2 percent last year, 86.6 percent in 1911 and 82.2 percent the 10 year average.

Texas, with 35 percent, and Oklahoma, with 35 percent, show the greatest increase in winter wheat acreage.

## OPINION MODIFIES THE "BLUE SKY" PROVISIONS

Austin, Tex., Dec. 17.—The attorney general's department today held an opinion to the secretary of state that the so-called "blue sky law" of the last legislature does not apply to corporations chartered prior to the taking effect of the law, nor does it apply to increases of capital stock where such increase was made before the act became effective. It is also held that the act applies to mining, townsite, oil and gas companies where it is the purpose of such corporation to sell stock based on an increase of the capital stock.

It is further held that the feature of the law which requires townsites companies to get a permit from the secretary of state before they can sell their town lots is void and of no effect.

## TRIES TO TREAT BALKY HORSE; TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Joe Rodell, a horse trader, who on Tuesday afternoon attempted to treat a balky horse that had been rope-burned under the tail, had his right eye broken and his right eye probably fatally injured when the horse kicked him. The horse's shoe came off and the man's eye was struck. Rodell, upon being taken to the emergency hospital at the police station, several stitches were taken in the gash. He was later sent to the Hotel Dieu.

## RUNNING SKIRMISH BETWEEN CASTILLO AND REBELS REPORTED

Another skirmish between Castillo's bandits and the rebel command from Juarez is reported by American cattlemen to have occurred near Palomas. The fight occurred on Monday and was a running skirmish between the Vasquezistas and the rebels.



## U. S. MAKES PROBE OF ALLEGED GRAFT

Commissary Manager for Panama Canal Is Charged With Irregular Dealings.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Charges of irregular dealings between John Burke, commissary manager for the Panama canal, and contractors who have been furnishing supplies, are being investigated by the government. It was admitted officially that for the last six months the inquiry has been in progress on charges preferred by Chas. E. Walker, a former subordinate of Burke's in the commissary department, alleging that his superior officer was demanding and receiving large commissions from persons with whom he had placed large contracts for food and other supplies for the canal workers. Also, it is alleged that Burke had awarded contracts to the Colonial Import and Export company, in which he is a stockholder, and that he had profited at least \$50,000 from his operations. His salary is \$4400 a year. Several important contracts were placed in Europe.

## MEN OF SECOND TO TRAVEL IN 27 CARS

In the two troop trains which will take the second cavalry to Galveston Thursday morning will be 27 passenger coaches. The first train will leave at 8 a. m. and will be followed within 30 minutes by the second. They will go over the G. H. & S. A.

This afternoon at about 4 o'clock the machine gun platoon, heavy baggage and the officers' private horses will leave for Fort. One tour of duty for the machine gun men, and 24 freight cars will constitute this section.

The four troop trains of the 10th (negro) cavalry are expected to pass through El Paso some time Friday on their way to Fort Huachuca from Galveston. On account of the bad road and definite report has been received of the time the trains will go through.